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Nez Perce Term Sheet To Be Discussed During Legislative Working Group Meeting May 21 In Burley

<u>EDITORS NOTE:</u> Working Group members will be reviewing the provisions of the Nez Perce Term Sheet and discussing implications. This information may be of interest to people in your area.

(Boise, Idaho – May 18, 2004) - The Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer – Snake River Working Group of the Expanded Natural Resources Interim Committee will meet Friday (May 21) in Burley, the Committee announced today.

An important element of the meeting will be a review of the provisions of the recently announced Nez Perce term sheet and its implications.

The Working Group will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Burley Inn (Cassia II and Patio II), 800 N. Overland, in Burley. The meeting is open to the public.

Other agenda items will include:

- Report from Water District 120 on Mitigation Plan Framework;
- Review Water Supply Project Matrix;
- Complete Action on Recharge Study Committee;
- Update on ESPA Grant Program;
- Update on Congressional Actions for Financial Aid;
- Report on Ground Water User Commitments; and
- Report on Spring User Commitments

Agenda items may be revised prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please call the Legislative Services Office at (208) 334-2475. Future notices, agendas and minutes will be posted on the Idaho Legislature's Internet page at http://www2.state.id.us/legislat/legislat.html. Other working group information is available at www.idwr.state.id.us/Committee.

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Twelve Idaho legislators make up the ESPA-Snake River Working Group. They are: Sen. Laird Noh of Kimberly and Rep. Dell Raybould of Rexburg, co-chairmen; Rep. Jack Barraclough of Idaho Falls; Rep. Maxine Bell of Jerome; Sen. Don Burtenshaw of Terreton; Sen. Dean Cameron of Rupert; Sen. Brent Hill of Rexburg; Rep. Wendy Jaquet of Ketchum; Rep. Tim Ridinger of Shoshone; Sen. Clint Stennett of Ketchum; Sen. Stan Williams of Pingree; and Rep. JoAn Wood of Rigby.

The Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer – Snake River Working Group is one of five working groups formed by the Idaho Legislature's Natural Resources Interim Committee to deal with water supply and management issues across the State.

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